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Public Hearing Testimony
Labor and Public Employees Committee
United Auto Workers Region 9A
Julie Kushner, Director and Beverley Brakeman, Political Representative
Several Bills
March 5, 2015

The United Auto Workers Region 9A represents over 10,000 active and retired members living and working in Connecticut. Our members work in light manufacturing, legal aid programs, higher education, casinos, childcare facilities, and defense employers.

On behalf of our members, UAW Region 9A urges this committee to support the following bills, all of which support workers in our state, particularly female workers, juggling the varied time constraints associated with being a homemaker, working outside of the home, and ensuring that her children have quality childcare.

These bills expand paid sick leave, create a program for paid family and medical leave, protect immigrant workers, increase wages paid to tipped workers and require large low wage employers like Walmart and McDonalds to pay their fair share to the state when their employees have to be on Medicaid and other safety net services due to below average compensation.

Please vote yes for the following bills:

SB106 AAC Retaliation Against Immigrant Workers
SB858 AAC Employees who Customarily and Regularly Receive Gratuities and the Minimum Fair Wage
SB914 AAC An Employer's Failure to Pay Wages
HB6784 AA Expanding Paid Sick Leave
HB6791 AAC Worker's Wages at Large Corporations
HB6874 AAC Graduate Assistant Benefits (Substitute Language being Provided)
HB6876 AAC Public Institutions of Higher Education And Collective Bargaining Agreements
HB6932 AAC Paid Family Medical Leave
HB6933 AAC Predictable Scheduling for Employees

Thank you.

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